

Leah Hamilton

Candidate for the BI News and Volunteer Recruitment Officer Executive Committee post

I am very interested in serving on the BIEN Committee. It appears that you do not yet have candidates for the BI News and Volunteer Recruitment Officer, a role in which I would be happy to serve. Please find my statement below and let me know if you need any other information.

Before obtaining a PhD in Public Policy, I worked for several years as a foster care caseworker and witnessed the need for larger policy change to address social inequality and injustice. I am currently an Assistant Professor of Social Work at Appalachian State University and serve as Board Vice President for the ACLU of North Carolina. Through my research on welfare and economic justice, I am increasingly convinced that our current social safety net is broken beyond repair and must be replaced by some form of basic income. If elected as the BI News and Volunteer Recruitment Officer, I hope that my teaching, research, and board experience will serve our movement well.